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SACRIFICIUM

In this dark cell
In this moment of life and death
On bloody fields of war
In a forsaken desert
Or an empty street
In a family's home
Every place where love, hate, greed, belief
Let men look into the barrel of a gun

You can take my life
But my vision lives on eternally

This is my legacy, now I will be forever
I am one with my fate, now I will see destiny
I give all of myself for all I love in this world
It will be my last wish, my ultimate Sacrifice

I give all for you

I see the white light so close
Today, there I'll be going
There are no questions no more
There's only knowing

My last hour, I have nothing to regret
Nothing left that I could give to you
I have gone, taken everything with me
Everything that I could hide from the pain
That takes away my body

Held my hand wherever you are
My end now is just a new life for you all
This is my promise, my sacrifice



My life was once just like yours
But then it happened
All has changed in a minute, like a shot
All the world, it was nothing like before
I have run through the chaos in mind

All my life, but I never knew
What's lying deep inside of us all

How hard they ever will hit my face
Or even break every bone
No matter how long it takes for me
I will not fail

How far I have to go for my hope
Or have to step into fire
No one can anymore hold me from
Falling down now

My heart is beating on and on
It feels like falling down now

Held my hand wherever you are now
Please hold my hand, keep me from falling down

My old life seems like centuries ago
I remember scenes from my childhood
Playing Robin Hood and Braveheart
But how do we know what we do
When the story is about us
Now I know

I will live on, my will lives on
Here I stand finally
With my life in my hands
Let the sword fall down

Farewell to you all stars above
Goodbye to all the ones that I have loved
I miss you so much, but it's ok
I'll sleep well cause somewhere you are save
This I know when I take my last breath

NIGHTFAIL

Here it comes, the story of mankind's final glory

 Into the nightfall

The showdown now has come, this will be the last curtain
 Before the Night falls

In a desert burning children's faces turning

 Into another enemy in war

Icy winds are blowing over bodies piling high
 There's no place left for more

 Oh save me from sharing this hell

 Oh save me from my blame

We are worshipping the gods
 That keep twisting our thoughts

 Everyday a new sensation

 While a million creatures

 See their soul turning to dust

 Hrimata Eleison

 Forever and ever

 You hear them crying

 Forever and ever

 This world is dying

 We had time enough to understand

We are rising higher, closer to the fire

 Let the final dance begin

Dianne van Giersbergen
 Vocals



DREAMKEEPER

I've been dreaming all those years

 I've been sleeping for so long

In a diamond sky of lonely worlds

 All your eyes stare up at me

 As if I was wide awake

 And I only can live my own curse

I will keep your dream, make it live for real
 Only just for a moment

 I will send a dying rose

 For you all to be close

 To its scent that has never been

 All the colours to unfold

 All the magic we behold

 In the life we share in fantasy

I will keep your dream, make it live for real
 Only just for a moment

 Say these words again, don't leave me alone
 When my own dreams have finally died

 Keep my dream now, I keep yours forever

 Save my hope now, I save yours forever

 Hold me, help me, carry me upon your wings

 To save my soul with your love

STARDUST

This is my last transmission, my final salutation
I count down to ignition, one last time I'm rising
The stars are all I think of, for me it's never enough
Their cold bliss is my resource to find myself

I'm yearning, I'm longing, I'm waiting to go

Back to where the skies will ever take me
Down here in this prison I'll be breaking
Far from here there is a place where I belong
I go home

This great black nothing calls me
An echo of the voices from where I have been traveling
In exile I'm living

Infinite silence waiting for me with all its answers
A lightless mirror blazing oh with truth so pure

Oh if you could see how
How small everything seems from here
So trivial, so shallow
The meaningless drama so precious on earth
Seen from the timeless stardust

I'm flying, I'm drifting, I'm dying so please let me go back...

Now I'll be returning home
To the stars eternally

THE UNDISCOVERED LAND

I was born on a snowy winter's day
In a cradle of ice so cold
I was taken away when I was just a child
By the sign of the serpent gold



Marco Heubaum
GUITAR

To the sun, to the oceans
To a land I have never discovered

Now my hands have been chained to the wheel for so long
I have seen all my fellows drown
But I cannot forget what they have done to me
I am breaking my cage and run

To the sun, to the oceans
To a land I have never discovered
There I will go, there is my hope
To find some peace someday

The moon is rising higher
We use the dark of the night
Invade the secret tower
Get out of sight

She is the queen of nowhere
She'll be the first and the last
To reach beyond my burden
Oh our candle burns so fast

You have taken my father
And you have taken my mother
You have poisoned the souls of the weak
But you are damned to die by the hands of your own seed

Years they pass by while my search goes on
For the ghost of the one that I loved
For I've lost my love in the rage of my revenge
So this journey will never end

To the sun, to the oceans
To a land I have never discovered
There I will go, there is my hope
To the seas, to the mountains
To the meadows I will never leave again
There I lay down, there is my crown
And love always

BETRAYER

This is goodbye

Once, before ancient times, a circle of knights
Were sworn to the queen of magic arts
An oath to usher her daughter to where
She'd just tear them all apart

Betrayer, promise breaker, beautiful liar
In your innocent blue-eyed blindness
Selfish princess, go be unbound
But you'll burn your wings and hit the ground

See her beauty so pure
She seems like the cure
To all been dejudged by her light
But behind her spell
We knew her so well
She spoils all for what we fight

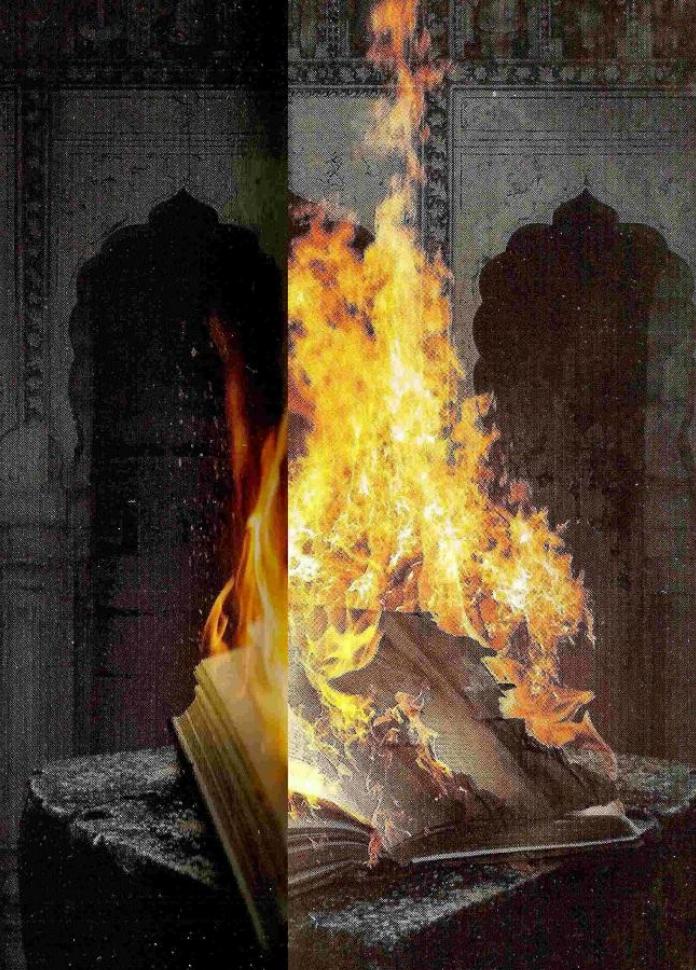
Princess:
"I only want to go where the wind leads me
And just pick the sweet fruits wherever I go
So see me now, as I am going to spread my wings!"

Knights:
"But it was us who gathered the feathers for you
It was our promise and you gave yours!
Remember: Your deeds make you what you are, not your intentions!"

Don't dare to think we're the ones to be blamed
Just to feel better in your own betrayal

We have gone through hell's fire
Our fate in our hands
We all claimed this story will not end
When we heard you say
you could have hit us even harder

Go to burn your wings and hit the ground
Go to hell!



UNTIL THE END

Sometimes I'm holding my breath and keep still
When all the world's closing in for the kill
I try to embrace all the treasures I have
At times, though, I think I'm losing my faith

All I have forsaken while the time is flying
I am watching all my lives passing by
And I'll...

Run this road till the end
While the world is turning around me
I don't know wherever I will land
Bound to the unforeseen

I see the starting points fading behind me
All of the races have always been waiting

All I longed for is gone, all the children unborn
I can only let them live in my songs
So I...

Where is the moment that I should caress
When it's only yet to come
Nothing is waiting for me
Nothing

Run this road till the end
While the world keeps turning around me
I don't know when it's all over and gone
So please let me have just one more chance

COME WITH ME

I belong to a world of twilight and regret
Sing my song to the ones who never hear it
The spell is cast, time is frozen for eternity
I know it lasts only till the sun is rising

Sinful is my heart, my darling
Let me share with you

Come with me to a place far away
Come enter the world in the shadows

All my scars are painted with the blood that I once have spilled
My old heart had to see it all to win my freedom

Sinful is my soul, my darling
Let me share with you

Come with me to a place far away
Come enter the world in the shadows
See through my eyes and feel what I feel
Come take my hand and just dare to believe

Come with me to a place far away
Come enter my world



LITTLE RED REISH

Somewhere upon a normal day on a ancient forest way
He revealed himself to me and commands

"Abandon your belief, I will request no more of thee,
cast away your faith and follow me down
Take off the maiden like dress, your skin suits you best
Be gone with your demure air"

Hide or beseech, am I the reish in this written story
Nowhere to redeem, nowhere to run, the tale casts me into his arms,
Into this sinful pleasure to which I now yield
Free me from my ordeal

In the morning I awoke, I recalled the words he spoke
And could not withstand his final courtship
Lead me deep into your woods, I'm your "little riding hood"
Hear me plead and guide me to your w^olf's lair

Off with this maiden like dress, my skin suits me best,
Dive into the crimson mare

Oh deep in his wake, I lay down to be reborn and cradled
Let me die to only reveal the secrets of my core

Hide or beseech, am I the reish in this written story
Nowhere to redeem, nowhere to run, the tale casts me into his arms,
Into this sinful pleasure to which I now yield
Release me, free me from this ordeal

Philip Restemeier
Guitar



Gerit Lamm
Drums

OUR NEVERWORLD

I know that you feel like being a stranger
A yearning heart, a soul that has survived this darkness
A soul like mine, endlessly craving for more
Somewhere in a dream

We are one in our Neverworld
We are gone, say farewell to you all

Looking at you I can see beyond this prison
That locks you in, hiding your true incarnation
A radiant shine, a warmth that I have never
Felt like this before - and want to feel forever

We are one in our Neverworld
We are gone, say farewell to you all
The closer we are coming now the more it's getting real
Real for you and me

Together we can take a piece of never
Bring it back with us
And make this world our home

It's all there in the beauty of your heart

TEMPLE OF HATE

Every day I am facing a new way of chasing
The dreams I am losing in constant defense
The world keeps on turning, the beds are still burning
In foolish unconsciousness and self pretense

Take it away, take it away, free me
Take it from me, take it from me now!
Falling astray, falling astray faster
Only to see how...

Deep in the shadows it's hiding for me
Down there the demon is rising
Coming to carry my soul down with him
Down into the temple of hate

All the ways that are leading into hell's open ceiling
Are carrying names so familiar to me
It's so hard to stay who I am when your knives
Rip my heart out and hit me again and again

Oh, please help me - Oh, let me be

Take it away, take it away, free me
Take it from me, take it from me now!
Falling astray, falling astray faster
But I will keep it under the surface of my smiling face
No one can see what's behind this mask for the world
I am wearing all time so I can survive
Because...

Deep in the shadows it's hiding for me
Down there the demon is rising
Coming to carry my soul down with him
Down into the blackness of the temple of hate



Steven Wussow
BASS

SWEET ATONEMENT

Speak to me one last time, smile at me once more,
I cannot bear this distance, our memories galore
In lucid dreams I'm dancing, my cries echo unheard

Your soul now deaf to my every bitter word
My muted love, may you rest forever
Cradled to the sounds of this lullaby:

In our sweet atonement we slumber secretly
We'll never comprehend that we never should have been
Oh this true love story is buried in memories

Let me crawl inside you to open your weary eyes,
Heal the wound that broke you, recover all goodbyes
My muted love, when were we raided?
Who dare leave us, jaded and torn

In our sweet atonement we slumber secretly
We'll never comprehend that we never should have been
Oh this true love story is buried in memories
And my voice was silenced the moment we started to dream...

THE WATCHER

Hate - Greed - Words turn to ashes
War - Creed - No sign from heaven
Burn - Bleed - All just for nothing

For centuries I've wandered here
Across the ashes of mankind
The blood been spilled, the hopes deceived
There is no water turned to wine
A golden age, a woven maze
Of stolen strings and fake bliss

Keep on bleeding, self-deceiving
All or nothing, make-believing
That the winner will always be you

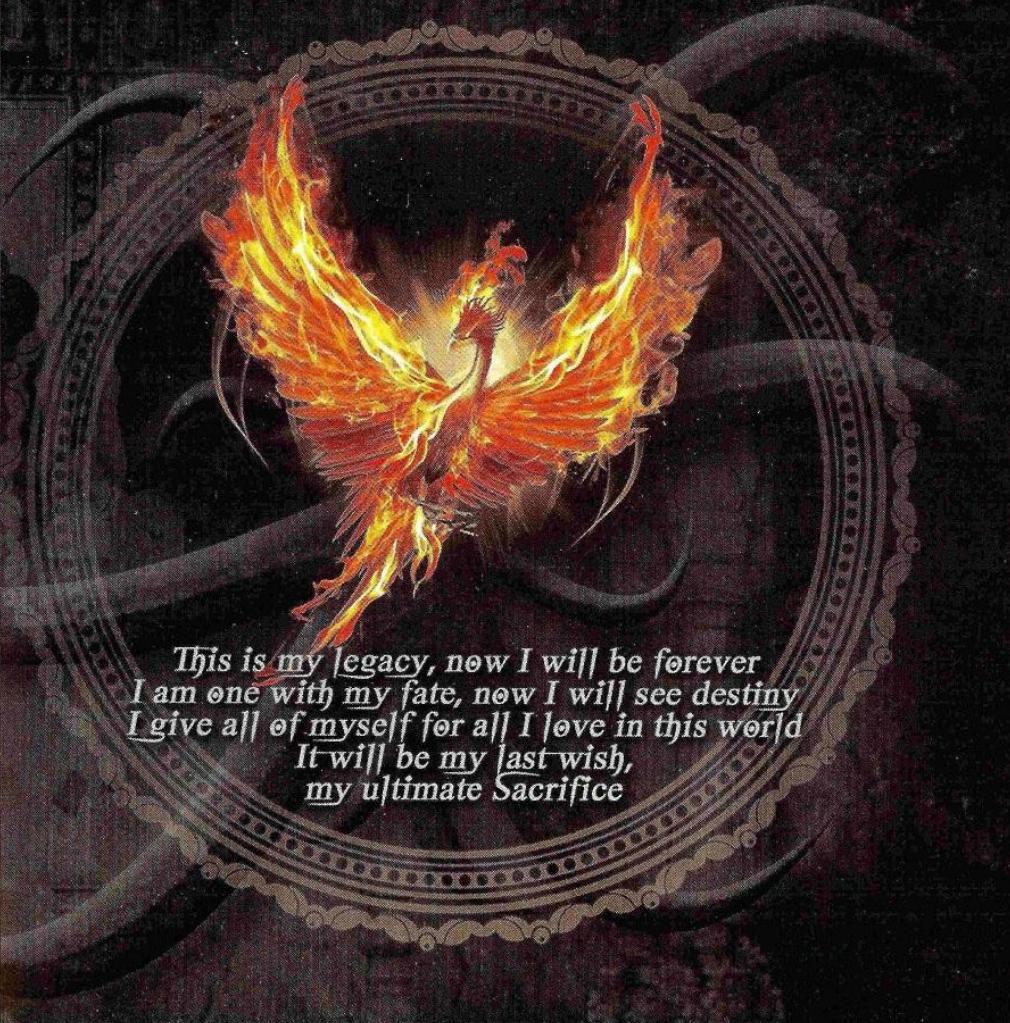
See the clouds in the sky still burning
Watch me counting the days in the rain
White eiderdown falls to the ground
Covers all that has been with death

So long ago a flower rose
Revealed its beauty and its thorns
We've covered those once golden roads
With blood of our children

Look and see what it could have been
But this all was just a dream
Just a dream of our foolish minds
So...

See the clouds in the sky still burning
Watch me counting the days in the rain
The nightfall has come so early
Wiping all of our visions away
White eiderdown falls to the ground
Covers all that has been with death

Wake up
See what you're becoming
See what we're becoming



This is my legacy, now I will be forever
I am one with my fate, now I will see destiny
I give all of myself for all I love in this world
It will be my last wish,
my ultimate sacrifice